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The project is divided into Eight chapters ;_Introduction, Trends In Coldchain Logistics , Coldchain In Global Logistics ,Coldchain Logistics In India ,Stages In Cold Chainlogistics ,Challenges ,Findings And Suggestions, Conclusion.

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The First Chapter Gives A Brief Idea About Coldchain Logistics, Also Explains About The Various Types Coldchain Logistics, Subsets Of Cold chain Logistics, Difference Between Normal Logistics And Cold chain Logistics , Applications Of Cold chain ,LogisticS,Market Overview , Methodology , Review Of Literature

The Second Chapter Gives A Brief Idea About Trends Cold Chain Logistics,Size Of Cold Chain Logistics World Wide, Major Players Operating In Cold Chain Logistics

The Third Chapter Gives A Brief Idea About Global Overview Of Cold Chain Logistics And Supply Chain Market .

The Fourth Chapter Gives A Brief Idea About Current State Of Cold Chain Logistics Industry Of India , AI And Cold Chain Logistics In India

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Cold chain logistics refers to the transportation and storage of temperature-sensitive goods such as food, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals, in a temperature-controlled environment to maintain their quality and integrity.

The cold chain is a complex system that requires close monitoring and control of temperature and humidity to ensure that products are delivered to their destination in optimal condition. It involves a series of interconnected activities, including packaging, transportation, storage, and distribution, which must be carefully coordinated to prevent spoilage, contamination, or other quality issues.

The cold chain is essential for ensuring the safety and efficacy of many products, particularly vaccines, which require strict temperature control to remain effective. The global demand for cold chain logistics has been increasing rapidly due to the growth of the pharmaceutical and food industries, as well as the rise in online shopping and home delivery services.

Effective cold chain logistics requires the use of specialized equipment, such as refrigerated trucks, warehouses, and packaging materials, as well as sophisticated tracking and monitoring systems to ensure that products are kept within the required temperature range throughout their journey. The success of cold chain logistics depends on the collaboration of multiple stakeholders, including manufacturers, shippers, carriers, and logistics providers, who must work together to maintain product quality and safety.

1.2 COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

Cold chain logistics refers to the management of temperature-sensitive products, from the point of origin to the point of consumption, using refrigerated or insulated vehicles, containers, and warehouses. The cold chain logistics industry is a critical component of the global supply chain, as it enables the transportation and storage of perishable goods, such as pharmaceuticals, vaccines, fresh food, and frozen food, without compromising their quality, safety, and efficacy.

The need for cold chain logistics arises from the fact that many products are highly sensitive to temperature fluctuations. For example, vaccines must be stored and transported within a specific temperature range to remain effective, and fresh food can spoil quickly if not kept at the right temperature. The failure to maintain the cold chain can result in product spoilage, loss of potency, and increased health risks, which can have significant economic and social implications.

To ensure the integrity of the cold chain, cold chain logistics companies use specialized equipment and technologies, such as temperature-controlled vehicles, insulated packaging, data loggers, and real-time monitoring systems. The process begins with the packing of the temperature-sensitive products in appropriate containers, which are then loaded onto refrigerated trucks or containers. During transportation, the temperature is constantly monitored and recorded, and any deviation from the set parameters is immediately reported to the logistics company and the customer.

Upon arrival at the destination, the products are stored in temperature-controlled warehouses until they are ready for distribution. The warehouses are equipped with sophisticated temperature monitoring and control systems, which ensure that the products remain within the desired temperature range. The products are then

packed into insulated containers and transported to the final destination, such as a hospital, grocery store, or restaurant.

The importance of cold chain logistics has become even more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, as vaccines and other medical supplies have had to be transported and stored at extremely low temperatures. The logistics industry has played a critical role in ensuring that these products reach their intended destinations safely and efficiently.

In conclusion, cold chain logistics is a complex and essential part of the supply chain, which involves the transportation and storage of temperature-sensitive products. It requires specialized equipment, technologies, and expertise to ensure that the products remain within the desired temperature range throughout the entire journey. Cold chain logistics is crucial for maintaining the quality, safety, and efficacy of a wide range of products, from vaccines and pharmaceuticals to fresh and frozen food, and its importance will only continue to grow as the demand for these products increases.

1.3 TYPES OF COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

Cold chain logistics can be divided into different types based on the temperature range required for the transportation and storage of the products. Some of the common types of cold chain logistics are:

- **Frozen:** This type of cold chain logistics involves the transportation and storage of products that need to be kept at a temperature below -18°C. Examples include frozen food products, ice cream, and some vaccines.
- **Chilled:** Chilled logistics refers to the transportation and storage of products that need to be kept at a temperature between 0°C and 8°C. Examples include fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, and some vaccines.

- **Controlled Room Temperature (CRT):** This type of cold chain logistics involves the transportation and storage of products that need to be kept at a temperature between 15°C and 25°C. Examples include some pharmaceuticals and biologics.

- **Deep Frozen:** Deep frozen logistics refers to the transportation and storage of products that need to be kept at a temperature below -60°C. Examples include some vaccines and biological products.

- **Ambient:** Ambient logistics involves the transportation and storage of products that do not require a specific temperature range but need to be protected from extreme temperatures. Examples include non-perishable food products and some pharmaceuticals.

Each type of cold chain logistics requires specialized equipment and technology to maintain the required temperature range, such as refrigerated trucks, insulated containers, temperature monitoring systems, and real-time tracking devices. The appropriate type of cold chain logistics is selected based on the specific requirements of the product being transported and stored.

1.4 SUBSET OF COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

There are several subsets of cold chain logistics that are focused on specific industries or products. Here are a few examples:

- **Pharmaceutical cold chain logistics:** This subset of cold chain logistics focuses specifically on the transportation and storage of temperature-sensitive

pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and other biologics. It often involves additional measures, such as temperature mapping, cold chain validation, and regulatory compliance, to ensure the safety and efficacy of the products.

- **Food cold chain logistics**: Food cold chain logistics focuses on the transportation and storage of perishable food products, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meat, and seafood. It often involves specialized equipment, such as refrigerated containers and temperature-controlled warehouses, to maintain the quality and freshness of the products.

- **Floral cold chain logistics**: This subset of cold chain logistics is specifically focused on the transportation and storage of fresh flowers, which are highly perishable and require specific temperature and humidity conditions to maintain their quality and appearance.

- **Cold chain logistics for chemicals and hazardous materials:** This subset of cold chain logistics involves the transportation and storage of chemicals and other hazardous materials that require specific temperature and safety measures to prevent spills, leaks, and other accidents.

Each subset of cold chain logistics requires specialized knowledge and expertise to ensure the safe and effective transportation and storage of the specific products. By providing tailored solutions to each industry and product, cold chain logistics

helps ensure that temperature-sensitive products reach their intended destinations safely and efficiently.

1.5 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GENERAL LOGISTICS AND COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

The main difference between general logistics and cold chain logistics is the temperature range that the products are transported and stored at. Normal logistics refers to the transportation and storage of products that do not require specific temperature controls, such as non-perishable goods or products that are not sensitive to temperature fluctuations.

On the other hand, cold chain logistics refers to the transportation and storage of temperature-sensitive products, such as vaccines, pharmaceuticals, fresh food, and frozen food, that require specific temperature controls to maintain their quality, safety, and efficacy. The cold chain logistics process involves specialized equipment, such as refrigerated trucks, insulated containers, and temperature monitoring systems, to ensure that the products remain within the desired temperature range throughout the entire journey.

Another key difference is that cold chain logistics requires a higher level of expertise and attention to detail, as even minor temperature fluctuations can compromise the quality and safety of the products. This means that cold chain logistics providers must have specialized knowledge and training in handling temperature-sensitive products and must adhere to strict regulatory requirements.

In summary, the main difference between normal logistics and cold chain logistics is the temperature range that the products are transported and stored at, with cold chain logistics requiring specialized equipment, expertise, and attention

to detail to ensure that the products remain within the desired temperature range throughout the entire journey.

1.6 APPLICATIONS OF COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

Cold chain logistics has a wide range of applications across many industries. Here are some examples of how cold chain logistics is used:

- **Pharmaceuticals:** Cold chain logistics is essential for transporting and storing temperature-sensitive pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and biologics. It ensures that the products remain effective and safe for use by maintaining the required temperature range during transportation and storage.

- **Food and beverage:** Cold chain logistics is used to transport and store perishable food and beverage products, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meat, and seafood. This helps to maintain the quality and safety of the products, as well as extend their shelf life.

- **Floral:** Cold chain logistics is used to transport fresh flowers, which are highly perishable and require specific temperature and humidity conditions to maintain their quality and appearance.

- **Chemicals and hazardous materials:** Cold chain logistics can be used to transport and store chemicals and hazardous materials that require specific temperature controls to prevent spills, leaks, and other accidents.

- **Agriculture:** Cold chain logistics is used in the agricultural industry to transport and store crops and seeds, which can be sensitive to temperature fluctuations.
- **Biotechnology:** Cold chain logistics is used to transport and store biological samples, such as blood and tissue samples, for medical research and testing.

In all of these applications, cold chain logistics plays a critical role in ensuring that temperature-sensitive products remain safe, effective, and of high quality throughout the transportation and storage process. By using specialized equipment and expertise, cold chain logistics providers help to reduce waste, increase efficiency, and improve the overall safety and efficacy of temperature-sensitive products.

1.7 COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS MARKET OVERVIEW

The cold chain logistics market has been growing rapidly in recent years, driven by increased demand for temperature-sensitive products such as pharmaceuticals, fresh food, and other perishable goods. According to a report by Grand View Research, the global cold chain logistics market size was valued at USD 202.32 billion in 2020 and is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.9% from 2021 to 2028.

The growth of the cold chain logistics market is being driven by several factors, including Increasing demand for fresh and perishable foods: The growing demand for fresh and healthy food products is driving the growth of the cold chain logistics market, as these products require temperature-controlled transportation and storage to maintain their quality and safety.

Expansion of the pharmaceutical industry: The pharmaceutical industry is expanding rapidly, particularly in emerging markets, driving demand for cold chain logistics services to transport and store temperature-sensitive drugs and biologics.
Increasing regulatory requirements: Governments and regulatory bodies are imposing stricter regulations on the transportation and storage of temperature-sensitive products, such as pharmaceuticals, food, and biologics, which is driving demand for cold chain logistics services.

Advancements in technology: Technological advancements, such as the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, and artificial intelligence (AI), are making it easier for cold chain logistics providers to monitor and manage temperature-sensitive products during transportation and storage, increasing efficiency and reducing waste.

Growing e-commerce market: The growth of the e-commerce market is driving demand for cold chain logistics services to transport and deliver temperature-sensitive products ordered online.

The cold chain logistics market is highly competitive, with several major players operating globally, including Americold, Lineage Logistics, Swire Cold Storage, and Nichirei Logistics. These companies are investing heavily in technology and infrastructure to improve their services and meet the growing demand for cold chain logistics services.

Overall, the outlook for the cold chain logistics market is positive, with strong growth expected in the coming years as demand for temperature-sensitive products continues to rise.

1.8 METHODODLOGY

The study will be undertaken by collecting both primary and secondary data. Primary data will collected through structured interview and opinions sought from industry experts through direct interaction. Secondary data will be collected from Research studies, documents, records, annual report of the company and various journals related to cold chain logistics. The study relies mostly on published secondary data

1.9 REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Development and application of phase change material in fresh e-commerce cold chain logistics (Bingbing Meng, Xuelai Zhang)

This article discusses the use and potential development of phase change materials (PCMs) in the cold chain logistics of fresh e-commerce, which has become increasingly important due to the growth of online shopping during the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides an overview of the different types of PCMs, including their properties such as phase change temperature, heat conduction, and shape stability, with a focus on composite PCMs. The article compares the advantages of composite PCMs to other types of PCMs and examines their practical applications in the storage and last-mile delivery stages of fresh e-commerce cold chain logistics. Additionally, it explores the potential for using composite PCMs in pre-cooling and transportation and suggests possible research directions in this area.

Development and Application of Time–temperature Indicators Used on Food during the Cold Chain Logistics (Weizhou Zheng, Zhiye Lv, Yali Tang)

This article presents a new time-temperature indicator (TTI) that uses enzyme reaction, diffusion, and enzyme demobilization technology to monitor the cold chain logistics of food products and ensure their safety and quality. The article includes the development of a mathematical model to determine the relationship between time, temperature, and the diffusion length of the indicator's color change. The efficacy of the TTI as a quality indicator during storage and transportation is evaluated using fresh milk as an example. The study designs and tests five different TTIs that match the activation energy of the prototype milk under various temperature profiles. The prototype TTI's end response value is compared with the shelf life of milk to determine its effectiveness. The results demonstrate that the enzyme reaction-diffusion TTI is stable and reliable under dynamic storage conditions, making it suitable for monitoring the shelf life of perishable food products during cold chain transportation.

Towards Integrated Performance Evaluation Of Future Packaging For Fresh Produce In The Cold Chain(Defraeye, P Cronje, T Berry, UL Opara)

The proper packaging of fresh horticultural produce is vital in creating efficient and cost-effective food cold chains. However, the current approach to analyzing package performance lacks integration and fails to evaluate multiple parameters simultaneously. These parameters include the product's cooling rate, box ventilation, product quality and shelf life, box mechanical strength, and energy consumption of the ventilation system. This article provides an overview of recent research in these areas and summarizes the performance parameters used for their

quantification. It highlights the latest advancements in experimental and computational tools and presents case studies to demonstrate the trade-offs involved in package design. Looking towards the future, the article suggests the need for a more comprehensive evaluation of packaging throughout the entire cold chain.

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The origins of the vaccine cold chain and a glimpse of the future(J Lloyd, J Cheyne)

During the smallpox eradication efforts in the 1960s and 1970s, there was a need to establish a safe and reliable transportation and storage system for vaccines, even in remote areas. This led to the development of the immunization supply chain, which was intentionally separated from other medical distribution systems to ensure vaccines and injection materials were promptly accessible and under control. The success of this system was due to technological and human resource solutions, such as temperature monitoring innovations, improved refrigeration equipment, and injection safety measures. Additionally, human resources were developed to manage and implement the immunization supply chain, including policy development, management infrastructure, and healthcare worker training. The vaccine cold chain's success is a public health triumph that provides valuable lessons for the future, such as the importance of integration with other public health supplies, efficient and effective design, and long-term efforts to eliminate the need for refrigeration in the supply chain

CHAPTER 2

TRENDS IN COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

2.1 TRENDS OF COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

Here are some of the latest trends in cold chain logistics From 2021:

- **Increasing demand for temperature-sensitive pharmaceuticals and biologics:** The pharmaceutical and biologics industries are experiencing significant growth, and many of these products require strict temperature control throughout the supply chain to maintain their efficacy. Cold chain logistics providers are adapting to meet the increasing demand for specialized temperature-controlled transportation and storage solutions for pharmaceuticals and biologics.

- **Advancements in temperature monitoring technology:** Temperature monitoring technology has improved significantly in recent years, allowing for real-time monitoring and visibility of temperature-sensitive shipments. This includes the use of IoT (Internet of Things) devices, RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tags, and other advanced sensors to track and monitor temperature, humidity, and other environmental conditions in real-time. This helps in ensuring the integrity and quality of cold chain shipments.

- **Emphasis on sustainability and eco-friendly practices:** There is a growing awareness of environmental concerns, and cold chain logistics providers are focusing on adopting sustainable and eco-friendly practices. This includes using energy-efficient transportation and storage solutions, reducing carbon emissions, and implementing waste reduction and recycling measures.

- **Increased use of automation and robotics**: Automation and robotics are being increasingly adopted in cold chain logistics operations to improve efficiency and reduce human error. Automated systems for temperature monitoring, inventory management, and material handling are being implemented to streamline processes and ensure accuracy in cold chain operations.

- **Enhanced supply chain visibility and traceability:** Cold chain logistics providers are leveraging digital technologies to improve supply chain visibility and traceability. This includes the use of blockchain, which provides an immutable and transparent record of transactions, to enhance traceability and ensure the integrity of cold chain shipments. This helps in improving accountability and reducing the risk of product recalls and spoilage.

- **Growing adoption of cold chain as a service (CCaaS) model:** Cold chain as a service (CCaaS) is gaining popularity as a cost-effective and flexible solution for businesses. CCaaS providers offer end-to-end cold chain logistics services, including transportation, warehousing, and other value-added services, on a pay-as-you-go or subscription basis, allowing businesses to outsource their cold chain logistics operations and focus on their core competencies.

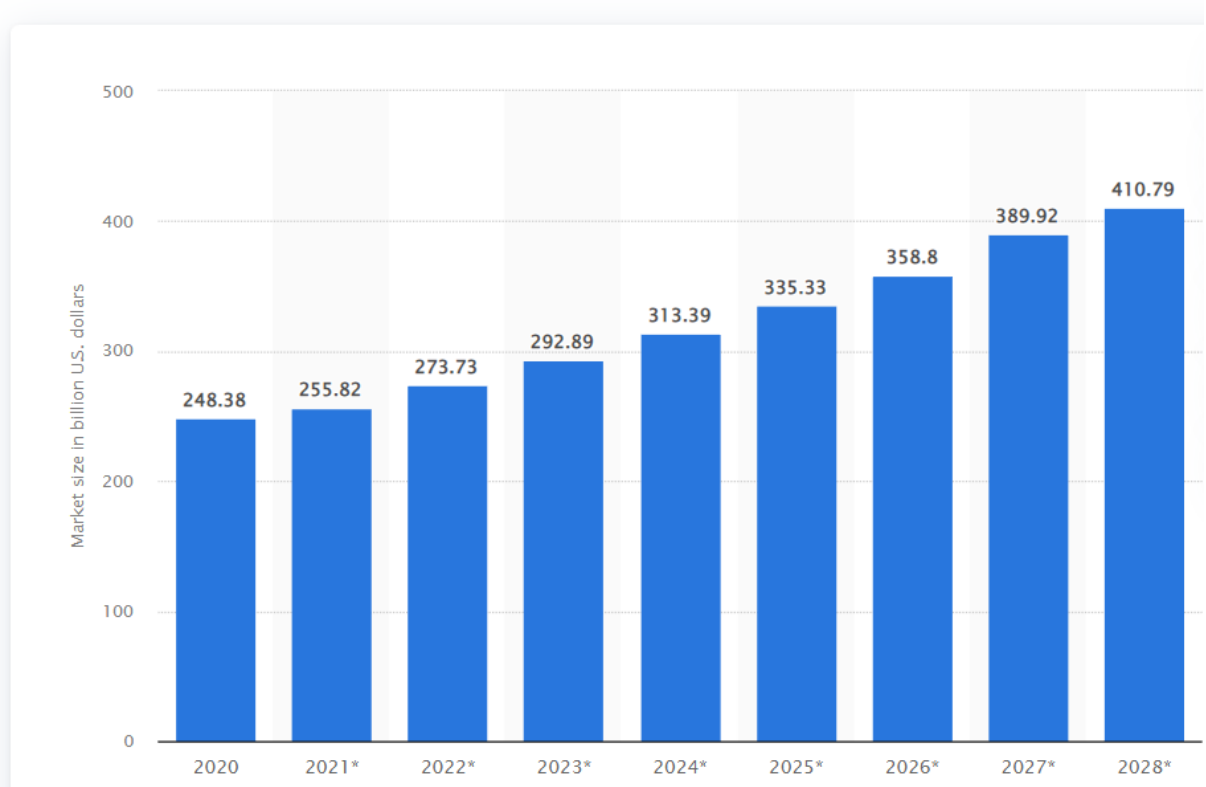
- **Focus on risk management and contingency planning**: Cold chain logistics providers are placing a greater emphasis on risk management and contingency planning to mitigate potential disruptions to the cold chain. This includes developing robust contingency plans for unforeseen events such as natural disasters, transportation disruptions, and regulatory

changes, to ensure business continuity and minimize supply chain disruptions.

Please note that the cold chain logistics industry is constantly evolving, and the latest trends may change over time. It's important to stay updated with the latest developments and advancements in the field for accurate and up-to-date information.

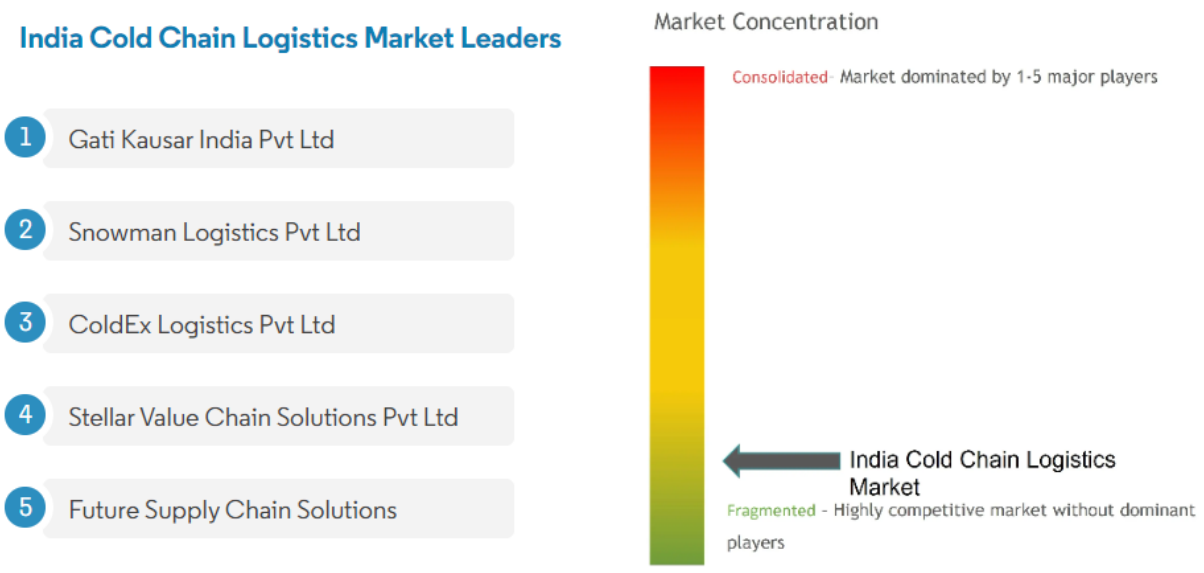
2.2 SIZE OF THE COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS MARKET WORLDWIDE FROM 2020 TO 2028

(in billion U.S. dollars)



The global market for cold chain logistics, which encompasses the transportation of temperature-sensitive products using refrigerated packaging solutions to maintain product quality, was valued at approximately $248.4 billion in 2020. It is projected to surpass $410 billion by 2028. Cold chain logistics involves the movement of items such as fresh agricultural produce, seafood, frozen food, and pharmaceutical products through a controlled supply chain to ensure their integrity and freshness

2.4 THE MAJOR PLAYERS OPERATING IN COLDCHAIN LOGISTICS



CHAPTER 3

COLD CHAIN IN GLOBAL LOGISTICS

3.1 GLOBAL OVERVIEW OF COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MARKET

The global cold chain logistics and supply chain market refers to the transportation, storage, and handling of temperature-sensitive products along the supply chain, including fresh produce, frozen food, pharmaceuticals, and vaccines, to ensure their quality and safety. Here is an overview of the global cold chain logistics and supply chain market:

- **Market Size:** In 2020, the global market for cold chain logistics had an estimated value of around $248.4 billion. It is expected to grow and surpass $410 billion by the year 2028. The market is expected to grow at a CAGR of around 8% from 2021 to 2028.

- **Drivers of Growth**: The increasing demand for temperature-sensitive products, changing consumer preferences, urbanization, expanding e-commerce, and growing awareness about food safety and quality are driving the growth of the cold chain logistics and supply chain market.

- **Segments:** The market can be segmented based on product type, temperature range, and end-use industry. Product types include fruits & vegetables, dairy, seafood, meat & poultry, pharmaceuticals & healthcare, and others. Temperature ranges include chilled and frozen. End-use industries encompass food & beverages, pharmaceuticals & healthcare, chemicals, and others.

- **Geographical Analysis:** The market is geographically diverse, with North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America, and the Middle East & Africa being the major regions. Asia Pacific is expected to witness significant

growth in the cold chain logistics market, driven by rising demand and investments in cold chain infrastructure in countries like China and India.

- **Challenges:** Challenges in the cold chain logistics and supply chain market include the high cost of infrastructure setup and maintenance, lack of standardized regulations, transportation and storage inefficiencies, and complex supply chain networks. Compliance with regulatory requirements for different products also poses challenges.

- **Key Players:** The market is highly fragmented, with several global and regional players operating in the industry. Key players include Americold Logistics, LLC, Lineage Logistics Holdings LLC, United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS), FedEx Corporation, DHL International GmbH, and C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc., among others.

- **Future Outlook:** The global cold chain logistics and supply chain market is expected to continue its growth, driven by factors such as globalization of supply chains, increasing demand for temperature-sensitive products, expanding e-commerce, and technological advancements in IoT, RFID, and data analytics. Challenges related to cost, regulations, and operational efficiency will continue to shape the dynamics of the market.

In conclusion, the global cold chain logistics and supply chain market is witnessing significant growth, driven by increasing demand for temperature-sensitive products and growing awareness about food safety and quality. The market presents opportunities for investments, innovations, and collaborations to address challenges and capitalize on the evolving dynamics of the industry.

CHAPTER 4

COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS IN INDIA

4.1 CURRENT STATE OF COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS INDUSTRY OF INDIA

The cold chain logistics industry in India is rapidly evolving and expanding to meet the increasing demand for temperature-sensitive products. Here is an overview of the current state of the cold chain logistics industry in India:

- **Market Size:** The Indian cold chain logistics market was estimated to be around $6 billion in 2020 and is projected to grow at a CAGR of around 15% from 2021 to 2028. The market is expected to reach over $18 billion by 2028, driven by factors such as changing consumer preferences, urbanization, rising income levels, and expanding organized retail and e-commerce sectors.

- **Growth Drivers:** The key drivers of growth in the Indian cold chain logistics industry include increasing demand for perishable goods, growth in organized retail and e-commerce sectors, rising consumer awareness about food safety and quality, expanding pharmaceutical and healthcare industry, and government initiatives to promote cold chain infrastructure.

- **Segments:** The Indian cold chain logistics market can be segmented based on product type, temperature range, and end-use industry. Product types include fruits & vegetables, dairy & frozen desserts, meat & seafood, confectionery & bakery, pharmaceuticals & healthcare, and others. Temperature ranges include chilled and frozen. End-use industries encompass food & beverages, pharmaceuticals & healthcare, and others.

- **Infrastructure:** The cold chain logistics infrastructure in India is improving with increased investments in cold storage facilities, reefer vehicles, and

temperature-controlled transportation. However, the infrastructure is still largely fragmented and lacks standardization in terms of capacity, technology, and regulatory compliance. There is a growing need for modernized, technologically advanced, and efficient cold chain infrastructure to support the growing demand for temperature-sensitive products.

- **Challenges:** The cold chain logistics industry in India faces several challenges, including inadequate infrastructure, lack of skilled manpower, high operational costs, fragmented supply chains, complex regulatory environment, and limited awareness about best practices in cold chain management. Addressing these challenges is crucial for the sustainable growth of the industry.

- **Government Initiatives:** The Indian government has undertaken various initiatives to promote the development of the cold chain logistics industry, including the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), the National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD), and the National Cold Chain Grid (NCCG) project, among others. These initiatives aim to improve infrastructure, promote investment, and enhance the efficiency of the cold chain logistics ecosystem in the country.

- **Key Players:** The Indian cold chain logistics industry is characterized by the presence of both organized and unorganized players. Major players in the industry include Snowman Logistics, Coldex, Gati Kausar, Freshboxx, ColdStar, Coldrush, and Stellar Value Chain Solutions, among others. These players are investing in technology, infrastructure, and partnerships to strengthen their position in the market.

- **Future Outlook:** The cold chain logistics industry in India is expected to witness significant growth in the coming years, driven by increasing demand for temperature-sensitive products, expanding organized retail and e-commerce sectors, and government initiatives to improve infrastructure. However, addressing challenges related to infrastructure, regulations, and operational efficiency will be crucial for sustainable growth and development of the industry in India.

In conclusion, the cold chain logistics industry in India is experiencing rapid growth and presents significant opportunities for investments, innovations, and collaborations. However, addressing challenges and improving infrastructure and regulatory environment will be crucial for the industry's sustainable growth and to fully realize its potential in meeting the increasing demand for temperature-sensitive products in India.

4.2 AI AND COLDCHAIN LOGISTICS INDUSTRY OF INDIA

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is playing a transformative role in the cold chain logistics industry in India. Here are some ways in which AI is being leveraged to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of cold chain logistics operations in India:

- **Demand Forecasting and Planning**: AI-powered analytics and machine learning algorithms are used to analyze historical data, weather patterns, market trends, and other factors to accurately forecast demand for temperature-sensitive products. This helps in optimizing inventory management, reducing wastage, and improving overall supply chain planning.

- **Route Optimization and Fleet Management:** AI algorithms are used to optimize the routing and scheduling of vehicles in cold chain logistics operations. This helps in reducing transportation costs, minimizing delivery delays, and improving the utilization of fleet resources. AI-powered solutions also enable real-time monitoring of vehicles, temperature sensors, and other critical parameters to ensure product quality and compliance with regulatory requirements.

- **Cold Storage Management:** AI-powered sensors and monitoring systems are used in cold storage facilities to track temperature, humidity, and other environmental conditions. AI algorithms analyze this data in real-time and provide alerts or recommendations to optimize storage conditions, prevent spoilage, and minimize energy consumption.

- **Predictive Maintenance:** AI-powered predictive maintenance solutions are used to monitor equipment and assets used in cold chain logistics operations, such as refrigeration units, vehicles, and packaging materials. By analyzing data on usage patterns, performance metrics, and other factors, AI algorithms can predict when equipment is likely to fail and trigger proactive maintenance actions, reducing downtime and improving operational efficiency.

- **Quality Control and Compliance**: AI-powered solutions are used to monitor and analyze data related to product quality, safety, and compliance with regulatory requirements. This includes analyzing data from sensors, cameras, and other sources to detect anomalies, contaminants, and other quality issues

in real-time, ensuring that temperature-sensitive products meet the required quality standards.

- **Process Automation:** AI-powered robotics and automation technologies are being increasingly used in cold chain logistics operations for tasks such as product picking, packing, and sorting. These technologies help in reducing manual errors, improving productivity, and enhancing overall process efficiency.

- **Customer Experience and Visibility:** AI-powered analytics and platforms are used to provide real-time visibility and insights to customers, allowing them to track their shipments, monitor product quality, and receive notifications on delays or other events. This enhances the overall customer experience and helps in building trust and loyalty.

The adoption of AI in cold chain logistics operations in India is still in its early stages, but it holds great potential to transform the industry by improving operational efficiency, reducing costs, enhancing product quality, and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements. However, addressing challenges related to data quality, privacy, and skilled workforce will be crucial for the successful implementation of AI in the Indian cold chain logistics industry.

CHAPTER 5

STAGES IN COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

5.1 STAGES IN COLD CHAIN LOGISTICS

1) Procurement and Packaging: Temperature-sensitive products are procured from suppliers and packaged using specialized refrigerated packaging solutions, such as insulated containers, cold storage boxes, or thermal blankets.

2) Transportation: The packaged products are transported using temperature-controlled vehicles, such as refrigerated trucks, vans, or containers, that maintain the desired temperature during transit.

3) Warehousing and Storage: Upon reaching the destination, the products are stored in specialized cold storage facilities equipped with refrigeration systems, temperature sensors, and monitoring devices to maintain optimal temperature and humidity conditions.

4) Distribution and Delivery: When the products are ready for distribution, they are picked, packed, and loaded onto delivery vehicles with refrigeration units for transportation to their final destination, such as retail stores, hospitals, or distribution centers.

5) Monitoring and Quality Control: Continuous monitoring and quality control are maintained throughout the cold chain logistics process. Temperature sensors, humidity sensors, and other monitoring devices are used to track environmental conditions and ensure that the products remain within the desired temperature range. AI-powered analytics and real-time data are used to detect any anomalies or deviations from optimal conditions for timely corrective actions.

6) Reverse Logistics and Returns: In case of returns, recalls, or product exchanges, a reverse logistics process is initiated to carefully manage the temperature-sensitive products and return them to the appropriate stage in the cold chain logistics process.

The specific stages and their implementation may vary depending on the nature of the products, industry requirements, and geographical locations. Proper temperature management, monitoring, and quality control are critical in ensuring the integrity and safety of temperature-sensitive products throughout the cold chain logistics process.

5.2 EQUIPMENTS USED FOR COLDCHAIN LOGISTICS

There are various types of equipment used in cold chain logistics to ensure the proper handling and transportation of temperature-sensitive products. Some of the commonly used equipment are:

- **Refrigerated Trucks:** These are vehicles specially designed with refrigeration units to maintain the desired temperature inside the truck during transportation. They are used to transport perishable goods, frozen food, pharmaceuticals, and other temperature-sensitive products.

- **Refrigerated Containers:** These are containers equipped with built-in refrigeration systems, commonly used for transporting goods via sea or rail. They provide a controlled environment for temperature-sensitive products during long-distance transportation.

- **Cold Storage Facilities:** These are specialized warehouses or facilities equipped with refrigeration systems, temperature sensors, and monitoring devices. They are used for storing temperature-sensitive products before distribution or delivery, maintaining the required temperature and humidity conditions.

- **Insulated Containers:** These are containers designed to provide insulation and protection to temperature-sensitive products during transportation. They are commonly used for smaller quantities of products or for short-distance transportation.

- **Temperature Monitoring Devices:** These devices, such as temperature sensors, humidity sensors, and data loggers, are used to continuously monitor the temperature and humidity conditions of the products throughout the cold chain logistics process. They provide real-time data for tracking and ensuring that the products are kept within the desired temperature range.

- **Thermal Blankets:** These are insulated blankets or wraps used to provide additional insulation to temperature-sensitive products during transportation. They are commonly used for protecting smaller quantities of products or for short-distance transportation.

- **Pallets and Racks:** These are used for organizing and storing temperature-sensitive products in a systematic manner in cold storage facilities or during transportation. They help to prevent damage to the products and ensure proper airflow for maintaining the desired temperature conditions.

- **Refrigeration Units and Systems:** These are the heart of cold chain logistics, providing the cooling or heating required to maintain the desired temperature conditions for the products. They are used in refrigerated trucks, containers, and cold storage facilities.

- **Packaging Materials:** Specialized refrigerated packaging materials, such as insulated containers, foam packaging, gel packs, or dry ice, are used to provide thermal insulation and protect temperature-sensitive products during transportation.

These are some of the common equipment used in cold chain logistics. The specific equipment used may vary depending on the nature of the products, industry requirements, and geographical locations. Proper selection, installation, and maintenance of the equipment are crucial in ensuring the integrity and safety of temperature-sensitive products throughout the cold chain logistics process.

5.3 COLDCHAIN LOGISTICS ON SHIPPING INDUSTRY

Cold chain logistics in the shipping industry is a critical aspect of transporting perishable goods that require temperature-controlled handling, storage, and transportation. It involves a complex network of processes and technologies to ensure that the products maintain their quality and safety throughout the supply chain. Here are some key points on cold chain logistics in the shipping industry:

- **Temperature-Controlled Containers:** Shipping companies use refrigerated containers, also known as reefer containers, to transport perishable goods. These containers are equipped with temperature control systems, typically powered by electricity or diesel generators, to maintain the desired

temperature range during transit. Reefer containers are available in various sizes and types to accommodate different types of perishable goods.

- **Specialized Vessels:** Some shipping companies operate specialized vessels that are designed specifically for transporting perishable goods. These vessels are equipped with advanced temperature control systems, including refrigeration units and insulated holds, to maintain the required temperature conditions for the transported products. These vessels may also have additional features, such as ventilation systems and humidity control, to ensure optimal conditions for different types of perishable goods.

- **Temperature Monitoring and Data Logging**: Cold chain logistics in the shipping industry requires continuous temperature monitoring and data logging to track and record temperature conditions throughout the transportation process. Advanced sensors and data logging devices are used to monitor temperature, humidity, and other relevant parameters in real-time. This data is crucial for ensuring that the products are maintained within the required temperature range and for providing visibility into the supply chain.

- **Compliance with Regulations:** Compliance with regulatory requirements is a key aspect of cold chain logistics in the shipping industry. Various regulations and standards, such as Good Distribution Practices (GDP), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), and other relevant regulations, govern the transportation of perishable goods. Shipping companies need to ensure that their cold chain logistics processes and equipment comply with these regulations to maintain product quality, safety, and integrity.

- **Supply Chain Visibility:** Cold chain logistics in the shipping industry requires end-to-end visibility into the supply chain to ensure smooth and efficient transportation of perishable goods. This involves the use of advanced technologies, such as Internet of Things (IoT) devices, data analytics, and supply chain management systems, to track and trace the products, monitor temperature conditions, and optimize logistics processes. Supply chain visibility helps in identifying and addressing any issues or disruptions in real-time, ensuring timely and safe delivery of perishable goods.

- **Expertise and Training:** Cold chain logistics in the shipping industry requires specialized knowledge and expertise in handling perishable goods and managing temperature-controlled transportation. Shipping companies invest in training their personnel on best practices for handling perishable goods, operating temperature control systems, and complying with regulatory requirements. Having trained and skilled personnel is crucial for ensuring that the products are handled and transported in a safe and compliant manner.

- **Risk Management:** Cold chain logistics in the shipping industry involves various risks, such as temperature deviations, equipment failures, delays, and disruptions in the supply chain. Risk management strategies, such as contingency plans, insurance coverage, and emergency response protocols, are implemented to mitigate these risks and ensure the safe transportation of perishable goods.

In the shipping industry, cold chain logistics is a complicated and specialized procedure that demands the use of advanced technologies, adherence to regulations, clear visibility of the supply chain, knowledgeable expertise, and effective risk management strategies. All these factors are necessary to guarantee the secure and effective transportation of temperature-sensitive goods.

5.4 COLDCHAIN LOGISTICS ON AVIATION INDUSTRY

Cold chain logistics also plays a crucial role in the aviation industry, particularly in the transportation of perishable goods that require temperature-controlled handling, storage, and transportation. Here are some key points on cold chain logistics in the aviation industry:

- **Temperature-Controlled Storage and Handling Facilities:** Airports and airlines have specialized facilities, such as temperature-controlled warehouses and cold rooms, to store and handle perishable goods that require temperature control. These facilities are equipped with advanced temperature control systems, including refrigeration units, to maintain the desired temperature range for the stored products.

- **Specialized Equipment:** Airlines use specialized equipment, such as temperature-controlled containers and pallets, to transport perishable goods. These containers and pallets are equipped with temperature control systems, typically powered by electricity or dry ice, to maintain the required temperature conditions during air transportation.

- **Temperature Monitoring and Data Logging:** Cold chain logistics in the aviation industry requires continuous temperature monitoring and data

logging to track and record temperature conditions throughout the transportation process. Advanced sensors and data logging devices are used to monitor temperature, humidity, and other relevant parameters in real-time. This data is crucial for ensuring that the products are maintained within the required temperature range and for providing visibility into the supply chain.

- **Compliance with Regulations:** Compliance with regulatory requirements, such as Good Distribution Practices (GDP), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), and other relevant regulations, is essential in cold chain logistics in the aviation industry. Airlines need to ensure that their cold chain logistics processes and equipment comply with these regulations to maintain product quality, safety, and integrity.

- **Supply Chain Visibility**: Cold chain logistics in the aviation industry requires end-to-end visibility into the supply chain to ensure smooth and efficient transportation of perishable goods. This involves the use of advanced technologies, such as Internet of Things (IoT) devices, data analytics, and supply chain management systems, to track and trace the products, monitor temperature conditions, and optimize logistics processes. Supply chain visibility helps in identifying and addressing any issues or disruptions in real-time, ensuring timely and safe delivery of perishable goods.

- **Expertise and Training:** Cold chain logistics in the aviation industry requires specialized knowledge and expertise in handling perishable goods and managing temperature-controlled transportation. Airlines invest in training their personnel on best practices for handling perishable goods, operating temperature control systems, and complying with regulatory requirements.

Having trained and skilled personnel is crucial for ensuring that the products are handled and transported in a safe and compliant manner.

- **Risk Management:** Cold chain logistics in the aviation industry involves various risks, such as temperature deviations, equipment failures, delays, and disruptions in the supply chain. Risk management strategies, such as contingency plans, insurance coverage, and emergency response protocols, are implemented to mitigate these risks and ensure the safe transportation of perishable goods.

Overall, cold chain logistics in the aviation industry is critical for the transportation of perishable goods, and it requires specialized facilities, equipment, temperature monitoring, compliance with regulations, supply chain visibility, expertise, and risk management strategies to ensure safe and efficient transportation of these goods.

CHAPTER 6

CHALLENGES

6.1 CHALLENGES FACED BY COLDCHAIN LOGISTICS

The cold chain logistics industry faces several challenges that can impact the efficiency and effectiveness of transporting perishable goods. Some of the key challenges faced in the cold chain logistics industry include:

- **Temperature Control:** Maintaining the required temperature conditions throughout the entire supply chain is critical in cold chain logistics. Temperature deviations can result in spoilage, degradation, or loss of quality of perishable goods. Ensuring consistent and precise temperature control during transportation, storage, and handling can be challenging, especially in complex and long-distance supply chains.

- **Infrastructure and Equipment:** Cold chain logistics requires specialized infrastructure and equipment, such as refrigerated warehouses, temperature-controlled containers, and transportation vehicles. The availability, maintenance, and proper operation of these infrastructure and equipment are crucial for ensuring the integrity of perishable goods. Challenges related to infrastructure, equipment availability, maintenance, and reliability can impact the efficiency and effectiveness of cold chain logistics operations.

- **Regulatory Compliance:** Compliance with regulatory requirements, such as Good Distribution Practices (GDP), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), and other relevant regulations, is essential in cold chain logistics. Meeting these regulatory requirements can be challenging, as they involve strict guidelines for temperature control, documentation, record-keeping, and other operational practices. Non-compliance with regulatory requirements can result in fines, penalties, and reputational damage.

- **Supply Chain Visibility:** Cold chain logistics requires end-to-end visibility into the supply chain to monitor temperature conditions, track and trace products, and optimize logistics processes. Lack of supply chain visibility can make it challenging to identify and address issues or disruptions in real-time, resulting in delays, quality issues, or loss of perishable goods. Obtaining complete visibility into the supply chain, especially in global and multi-modal transportation, can be a challenge due to information gaps, data accuracy, and interoperability issues.

- **Seasonality and Demand Variability:** Perishable goods, such as fruits, vegetables, and pharmaceuticals, are often subject to seasonality and demand variability. Managing the fluctuations in demand and supply can be challenging in cold chain logistics, as it requires careful planning, forecasting, and coordination with suppliers, transporters, and customers. Seasonal demand spikes, sudden changes in market conditions, and unexpected disruptions can impact the availability and timely transportation of perishable goods.

- **Cost and Operational Efficiency:** Cold chain logistics can be costly due to the specialized infrastructure, equipment, and operational requirements. Maintaining the required temperature conditions, managing regulatory compliance, and ensuring supply chain visibility can add to the operational costs. Balancing cost and operational efficiency while maintaining the integrity of perishable goods can be challenging, especially in a competitive business environment.

- **Human Resource Management:** Cold chain logistics requires skilled personnel who are trained in handling perishable goods, operating temperature control systems, and complying with regulatory requirements. Attracting,

retaining, and training skilled personnel can be challenging in the cold chain logistics industry, as it requires specialized expertise and knowledge. Managing human resources, including recruitment, training, and retention, can be a challenge in ensuring the smooth operation of cold chain logistics.

- **Risk Management:** Cold chain logistics involves various risks, such as temperature deviations, equipment failures, delays, and disruptions in the supply chain. Managing and mitigating these risks can be challenging, as they can impact the quality, safety, and timeliness of perishable goods transportation. Implementing effective risk management strategies, such as contingency plans, insurance coverage, and emergency response protocols, can be challenging, and requires proactive planning and coordination.

In summary, the cold chain logistics industry faces several challenges related to temperature control, infrastructure and equipment, regulatory compliance, supply chain visibility, seasonality and demand variability, cost and operational efficiency, human resource management, and risk management. Overcoming these challenges requires careful planning, coordination,

CHAPTER 7

FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS

FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR EFFICIENT COLDCHAIN LOGISTICS MOVEMENT

Here are some specific suggestions for efficient cold chain logistics movement:

- **Optimize Transportation Routes:** Efficiently planning transportation routes can help reduce transit times, minimize costs, and ensure timely delivery of perishable goods. Utilize advanced route optimization software to identify the most optimal routes based on factors such as temperature requirements, distance, traffic conditions, and delivery schedules.

- **Invest in Reliable and Modern Equipment:** Use reliable and modern refrigerated trucks, containers, and cold storage facilities that are capable of maintaining precise temperature conditions throughout the transportation process. Regular maintenance, calibration, and upgrading of equipment can help ensure optimal performance and minimize temperature deviations.

- **Implement Robust Temperature Monitoring Systems:** Implement advanced temperature monitoring systems that provide real-time visibility into the temperature conditions of perishable goods during transportation. This can help identify and address any temperature deviations promptly, reducing the risk of spoilage or quality degradation.

- **Ensure Proper Packaging:** Proper packaging of perishable goods is essential to maintain their quality and integrity during transportation. Use insulated packaging materials, thermal blankets, and other protective measures to minimize temperature fluctuations and physical damage.

- **Train and Educate Personnel:** Provide regular training and education to personnel involved in cold chain logistics operations, including drivers, warehouse staff, and other stakeholders. Properly trained personnel can effectively handle temperature-sensitive products, follow standard operating procedures, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

- **Enhance Supply Chain Visibility:** Utilize technology solutions such as IoT, RFID, and blockchain to enhance supply chain visibility. This can provide real-time tracking, tracing, and monitoring of perishable goods, enabling proactive management of any issues or deviations.

- **Comply with Regulatory Requirements:** Stay updated with regulatory requirements, such as Good Distribution Practices (GDP), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), and other relevant regulations. Ensure compliance with these requirements to maintain quality, safety, and integrity of perishable goods during transportation.

- **Foster Collaboration and Communication**: Foster collaboration and communication among stakeholders involved in cold chain logistics, including shippers, carriers, suppliers, and customers. Effective communication and collaboration can help identify and address any issues or challenges promptly, leading to more efficient and reliable cold chain logistics operations.

Implementing these suggestions can help optimize cold chain logistics operations, ensuring efficient movement of perishable goods while maintaining their quality, safety, and freshness. Regular monitoring, process optimization, investment in technology, and compliance with regulatory requirements are key factors in achieving efficient cold chain logistics movement.

CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSION

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The cold chain logistics industry plays a crucial role in transporting perishable goods, such as food, pharmaceuticals, and other temperature-sensitive products, to ensure their quality, safety, and freshness. It involves the transportation, storage, and handling of goods under controlled temperature conditions to maintain their integrity throughout the supply chain.

The cold chain logistics industry has seen significant growth in recent years due to the increasing demand for perishable goods, globalization of supply chains, and advancements in technology. However, it also faces several challenges, including temperature control, infrastructure and equipment, regulatory compliance, supply chain visibility, seasonality and demand variability, cost and operational efficiency, human resource management, and risk management.

Efficient and effective cold chain logistics operations require careful planning, coordination, and adherence to regulatory requirements, such as Good Distribution Practices (GDP) and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP). It also requires specialized infrastructure, equipment, and skilled personnel to handle perishable goods and maintain temperature control. Supply chain visibility, forecasting, and demand management are crucial for managing seasonality and demand variability. Cost and operational efficiency can be optimized through technology solutions, process improvements, and risk management strategies.

Despite the challenges, the cold chain logistics industry continues to grow and evolve to meet the increasing demand for perishable goods. Advancements in technology, such as IoT, blockchain, and data analytics, are driving innovations

in cold chain logistics, enabling better temperature monitoring, supply chain visibility, and traceability. Collaborations among stakeholders, including shippers, carriers, and regulators, are also important for addressing challenges and improving the overall efficiency of the cold chain logistics industry.

In conclusion, the cold chain logistics industry is critical for the transportation of perishable goods, but it also faces several challenges. Overcoming these challenges requires proactive planning, coordination, and investment in technology and infrastructure. As the demand for perishable goods continues to rise, the cold chain logistics industry is expected to further evolve and adapt to meet the changing needs of the global supply chain.

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